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BBC Dictabelt File Boxes

1. The perennial problem of satisfactorily mounting and storing dictabelts selected by FBIS for permanent retention has recently been accentuated by the necessity of using several of these belts in court proceedings relating to the trial of Korean POW's. It is found that unless the packing instructions are carefully followed by both the originating bureaus and the Agency Records Center, creases are introduced which are almost impossible to eliminate when they have set for a period of years. The search for a substitute means of storage therefore continues.

2. On several occasions when dictabelts supplied us by the BBC have arrived, it has been observed that they are filed not on any type of mount but in a small cardboard box approximately the size of a dictabelt and about one half inch in depth. Dictabelts stored in these boxes contain no creases and apparently could be retained for many years without any deterioration. It is therefore requested that several samples of these boxes be obtained, if possible, and forwarded to this office along with any available information concerning the origin, cost, and availability of similar boxes in England.

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